

House Resolution No. 4251

Whereas, from time to time the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are called upon to honor remarkable Show-Me State couples who have experienced the good fortune of success in marriage, a most delightful task which this legislative body embraces with great enthusiasm; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs Cliff Watkins of Thayer, Missouri, commemorated the joyous occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary while visiting with friends on September 13, 2008, in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas; and

Whereas, as they proudly marked this splendid milestone in their life, Cliff and Louise Watkins undoubtedly looked back with satisfaction upon all that has transpired since they pledged their eternal love to one another and began their long, joyful walk down life's path; and

Whereas, it was five wondrous decades ago that Cliff Watkins and Louise Stratton joined their hands, their hearts, and their lives together in a solemn nuptial ceremony on September 13, 1958, in Beloit, Wisconsin; and

Whereas, Cliff Watkins has compiled an impressive list of achievement that includes being a Korean War veteran of the United States Army, owning a fishing business for ten years and a tackle and bait shop for twenty years prior to his retirement, and being a twenty-five-year member of the Star Zenith Boat Club and an avid hunter and fisherman; and

Whereas, Louise Watkins has enjoyed being an employment representative for thirty years and an administrative secretary for eight years, serving as a Sunday school teacher, working with the Junior Achievement Program, being known as a talented bridge player and quilter, and playing an instrumental role in starting the Crime Stoppers Program in Beloit, Wisconsin; and

Whereas, Cliff and Louise Watkins have distinguished themselves as a remarkable couple, whose fifty years of shared joy and contentment so beautifully illustrate the strength, grace, and splendor of the lasting marriage bond:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Cliff and Louise Watkins upon the joyous occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary and in further wishing them continued happiness in the years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Watkins.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Dethrow
District No. 153

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4251, adopted September 30, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker